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SUBJECT: ANOTHER TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT AMIN TO PRESIDENT NIXON

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT AMIN TO
PRESIDENT NIXON AS BROADCAST OVER UGANDA RADIO AND TV
EVENING MAY 6. TEXT OBTAINED FROM STUDIOS; HAS NOT YET BEEN
PUBLISHED LOCALLY.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, YOU ARE REPORTED TO HAVE
EXPRESSED VIEWS ABOUT UGANDA. MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE REPORTED
TO HAVE CONDEMNED UGANDA BECAUSE OF THE EXPULSION OF NON-
CITIZEN ASIANS WHO, AS YOU ARE VERY WELL AWARE, HAD BEEN
DRAINING THE ECONOMY OF THIS COUNTRY AND ENCOURAGING CORRUPTION
FOR THE LAST SEVENTY YEARS.

IN COMMENTING ON THE PRESS REPORTS, I OBSERVE THAT IN OUR
DETERMINATION TO TRANSFER THE ECONOMY OF UGANDA TO THE INDIGENOUS
CITIZENS WE EXPECTED YOU AS A SUPER POWER, TO SHOW US YOUR
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SOLIDARITY AND SYMPATHY ESPECIALLY DURING THE INVASION OF UGANDA IN SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO. THIS, OF COURSE, WAS NOT DONE. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PRAISE OR REFUSE TO PRAISE AFRICAN COUNTRIES BUT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMMENT ON YOUR PRAISE OR CONDEMNATION.

AS LONG AS I AM THE LEADER OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, IT MUST BE NOTED THAT UGANDA WILL NOT BOW DOWN TO ANY COUNTRY, BE IT RICH OR POOR BECAUSE IT IS OUR RIGHT TO DETERMINE OUR COURSE OF ACTION. IT IS BETTER FOR US TO BE POOR THAN TO BE RICH BUT UNDER THE CONTROL OF A SUPER POWER OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY. WE REJECT THIS UNEQUIVOCALLY. ALL THE TEN MILLION UGANDANS FULLY SUPPORT ME AND ARE BACKING ME UP SO THAT WE ARE THE TRUE AND ONLY MASTERS OF OUR COUNTRY.

MY DEAR BROTHER, IT IS QUITE TRUE THAT YOU HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS ON YOUR PLATE AND IT IS SURPRISING THAT YOU HAVE THE ZEAL TO ADD ON FRESH ONES. WE ARE AWARE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT YOUR MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY IS NOT DOING WELL. THERE ARE ENDLESS RACIAL CONFLICTS. BLACK PEOPLE ARE KEPT IN PERPETUAL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL SERFDOM. RIOTS AND OTHER REBELLIONS ARE COMMON IN YOUR COUNTRY. AT THIS MOMENT YOU ARE UNCOMFORTABLY SANDWICHED IN THE UNFORTUNATE WATERGATE AFFAIR. IT IS NOT LONG AGO THAT THE I. T. T. , WITH THE HELP OF YOUR INTELLIGENCE NETWORK WORKED TO TOPPLE THE REGIME IN CHILE. TO ME THOSE ARE TOO MANY PROBLEMS TO ALLOW ME TO CREATE MORE.

DURING YOUR TERM OF OFFICE, YOU WENT ALL OUT FOR THE ESCALATION OF THAT UGLY WAR IN VIETNAM, IN WHICH WAR MASSACRE OF INNOCENT VIETNAMESE AND AMERICANS CHARACTERISED THE WHOLE TRAGEDY. THERE WAS RETARDATION IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN VIETNAM. YOU USED GUNS TO DIVIDE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ON ARTIFICIAL GROUNDS. YOU MISUSED AMERICAN TAX PAYER' S MONEY IN BUYING FATAL WEAPONS WHICH YOU USED TO OBLITERATE HUMAN LIFE IN VIETNAM. MR. PRESIDENT, WITH DUE RESPECT TO YOUR POLICIES, BE THEY NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT SINCE YOU TOOK OVER OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, YOUR INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN VIETNAM HAVE UNILATERALLY DIVERTED THE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY FROM PROGRESS - IVENESS TO ONE PREGNANT WITH MALICE AND HEAVILY LOADED WITH PERSONAL AMBITIONS.

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THE ECONOMIC POWER, THE MILITARY STRENGTH AND THE POLITICAL MIGHT WHICH THE USA CAN BOAST OF ARE NOT A PASSPORT TO MAKING LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DANCE TO THE TUNE PROVIDED BY THE USA. UGANDA WILL NOT SUCCUMB TO ANY DIRECTIVES FROM WHATEVER SOURCE.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT UNDER

MY LEADERSHIP, UGANDA WILL CONTINUE TO BE FRIENDLY WITH THE USA AND
ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

I ASK THE ALMIGHTY GOD TO HELP YOU SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS SO
THAT HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY ARE ENSURED NOT ONLY IN THE USA BUT
ALSO IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.

I AM, YOUR GOOD FRIEND.

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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA.

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